



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : CHOU  
Application No. : 10/729,980  
Filed : December 9, 2003  
Title : ASSAY SYSTEMS, KITS AND METHODS FOR  
DETECTING MICROORGANISMS  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : Dr. Rodney P. Swartz  
Attorney Docket : BHT/3092-397

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**  
**Honorable Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 25, 2006, the period for response to which has been extended to expire on **October 25, 2005** by the filing herewith of a Petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.